

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 99-7-6**

Date Prepared: July 1, 1999

For Work Week Commencing: July 6, 1999

Business Meeting: July 6, 1999, 10:00 a.m.

General Introduction This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the later part of each week (generally, Thursday by 2:00 p.m.) prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, deposited in the mail directed to all persons who have properly requested notice by mail, emailed to all persons who have properly requested notice by email, and posted to the Public Service Commission's worldwide web site located at <http://www.psc.state.mt.us>.

Place of Meetings All meetings are held at the Commission offices, 1701 Prospect Avenue, Helena, Montana, unless otherwise noted.

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Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dan).

1. D99.3.72 – Seeley Lake Gas Co – Discussion/Action (7/7/99)
2. 4-States/BPA meeting to discuss allocating 1800 aMW among IOUs – Discuss Montana share of 1800 aMW in preparation for settlement discussions with other PSCs (7/7/99)
3. N99.6.163 – MDU petition for declaratory ruling with the Department of Revenue – Discussion of whether to send Commission letter to the Director of the Department of Revenue explaining universal system benefits and credits under Title 69, Chapter 8, MCA and requesting expeditious declaratory ruling on universal system benefits programs/charges to allow implementation of the USBP in the last quarter of this year. (7/7/99)
4. D99.4.11 – Ronan Telephone Co for Suspension or Modification of provision of the 1996 Telecommunications Act – Commission approval of late intervention of Ronan Telephone Co Consumer Advisory Committee (7/7/99)

5. D99.3.79 – PSC Investigation of service quality – Update and plan discussion (7/7/99)
6. USWC v. PSC (NARUC) – To discuss USW latest settlement offer (7/7/99)
7. N99.2.47 – Restructure ISDN Single Line Service – Discuss memo and possible need for a hearing (7/7/99)
8. Discuss agency goals – Define goals to be posted on the internet (7/7/99)

Weekly Scheduling Meeting – Will be held at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS – Docket N99.6.157 (Dave)

On June 21, 1999, US WEST filed Tariff Transmittal 99-39 to grandfather Business Internet Directory Listing products. The product offerings are being withdrawn because the market has not materialized as anticipated. Only very limited demand for white page internet listings by business customers has been realized. Existing customers can retain their listing; the product will not be available for new customers. Current customers will be notified of the change in status of the product.

2. MCI TELECOMMUNICATIOS – DOCKET N99.6.151 (DAVE)

On June 16, 1999, MCI Telecommunications filed Tariff Transmittal 99-06 proposing the following textual revisions and changes:

- 1) Grandfather Network Pricing Plans (NPP), Digital Data Service (DDS), Fixed Term Plans (FTP), Central Office Connections (COC), Access Coordination (AC) and Network Connection Charge (NCC);
- 2) Name change from TDS 1.5 to DS1, Fractional DS1 and DS45 to DS3; and
- 3) Add a Network Connection Charge to Analog COC, DS1 COC, DDS COC and DS3 COC.

MCI is requesting an effective date of June 28, 1999.

3. MONTANA POWER COMPANY DOCKET NO. D99.6.160 (Eric)

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4. SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY, L. P. Docket N99.6.153(Leroy)

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Tentative Action Items for Agenda 99-7-12

New Filings Received in Past Week

- N99.6.161 – Frontier Communications – Tariff #18 Revisions and new services
- N99.6.162 – AT&T – Tariff Introduce ACC Business Services and others
- N99.6.163 – MDU – Request to Dept of Revenue for declaratory ruling
- N99.6.164 – USWC – Tariff 99-41 Centrex 21 ISDN price reduction
- N99.6.166 – City of Missoula – Application for Electricity Suppliers License